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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 2-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) There is established a Commission on Women, Children and
6 Seniors, which shall be part of the Legislative Department. The
7 commission shall focus on issues affecting each of the following
8 underrepresented and underserved populations: Women, children and
9 the family and elderly persons. The Commission on Women, Children
10 and Seniors shall constitute a successor to the Permanent Commission
11 on the Status of Women, Commission on Children, and Commission
12 on Aging in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) to (d),
13 inclusive, and subsection (f) of section 4-38d and section 4-38e.

14 (b) The Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall consist
15 of [sixty-three] the following members; [, as follows:]

16 (1) With respect to members appointed prior to July 1, 2016, to serve
17 on either the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women,
18 Commission on Children or Commission on Aging and whose term
19 has not expired as of July 1, 2016, such members shall be deemed
20 appointed to serve on the Commission on Women, Children and
21 Seniors until the expiration of the term of the member on such former
22 commission, [or] the occurrence of a vacancy or June 30, 2018,
23 whichever occurs first. Upon the expiration of any such member's term
24 or the occurrence of a vacancy on or after July 1, 2018, the vacancy
25 shall be filled by the appointing authority who made the original
26 appointment, except such appointment shall be made in accordance
27 with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection.

28 (2) [With respect to members appointed on or] (A) On and after July
29 1, [2016] 2018, [to serve on] the Commission on Women, Children and
30 Seniors [, such members] shall [be] consist of twenty-one members,
31 appointed as follows:

32 [(A) Nine] (i) Three members appointed by a joint appointment of
33 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
34 tempore of the Senate, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in
35 issues concerning women, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in
36 issues concerning children or the family and [three] one of whom
37 [have] has expertise in issues concerning elderly persons, provided at
38 least [three] one of such members shall also be from the central region
39 of the state;

40 [(B) Nine] (ii) Three members appointed by the president pro
41 tempore of the Senate, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in
42 issues concerning women, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in
43 issues concerning children or the family and [three] one of whom
44 [have] has expertise in issues concerning elderly persons, provided at
45 least [three] one of such members shall also be from the northeastern

46 region of the state;

47 [(C) Nine] (iii) Three members appointed by the speaker of the
48 House of Representatives, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in
49 issues concerning women, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in
50 issues concerning children or the family and [three] one of whom
51 [have] has expertise in issues concerning elderly persons, provided at
52 least [three] one of such members shall also be from the southeastern
53 region of the state;

54 [(D) Nine] (iv) Three members appointed by the majority leader of
55 the Senate, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in issues
56 concerning women, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in issues
57 concerning children or the family and [three] one of whom [have] has
58 expertise in issues concerning elderly persons;

59 [(E) Nine] (v) Three members appointed by the majority leader of
60 the House of Representatives, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise
61 in issues concerning women, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise
62 in issues concerning children or the family and [three] one of whom
63 [have] has expertise in issues concerning elderly persons;

64 [(F) Nine] (vi) Three members appointed by the minority leader of
65 the Senate, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in issues
66 concerning women, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise in issues
67 concerning children or the family and [three] one of whom [have] has
68 expertise in issues concerning elderly persons, provided at least [three]
69 one of such members shall also be from the northwestern region of the
70 state; and

71 [(G) Nine] (vii) Three members appointed by the minority leader of
72 the House of Representatives, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise
73 in issues concerning women, [three] one of whom [have] has expertise
74 in issues concerning children or the family and [three] one of whom
75 [have] has expertise in issues concerning elderly persons, provided at
76 least [three] one of such members shall also be from the southwestern
77 region of the state.

78 (B) In the event of a vacancy for any member appointed pursuant to
79 this subdivision, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
80 authority.

81 (c) All initial appointments to the commission, other than
82 appointments made pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
83 this section, shall be made not later than July 31, 2016, and the term of
84 such initial members shall terminate on June 30, 2018, regardless of
85 when the initial appointment was made. The speaker of the House of
86 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall
87 select the chairperson of the commission from among the members of
88 the commission. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of
89 the commission.

90 (d) Members of the commission appointed on or after July 1, 2018,
91 shall serve for two-year terms which shall commence on the date of
92 appointment. Members shall continue to serve until their successors
93 are appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.
94 Any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled
95 for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of the commission
96 shall serve without compensation, but shall, within the limits of
97 available funds, be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the
98 performance of their duties.

99 (e) A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
100 transaction of any business. The commission shall meet as often as
101 deemed necessary by the chairperson or a majority of the commission.
102 Any appointed member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings
103 or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any
104 calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the commission.

105 (f) The commission shall have no authority over staffing or
106 personnel matters. There shall be an executive director of the
107 commission. The executive director and any necessary staff shall be
108 employed by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, which
109 shall have authority over the hiring, termination and performance

110 review of the executive director and any staff.

111 (g) The commission shall be organized into three policy divisions,
112 one of which shall advise on policies affecting women, one of which
113 shall advise on policies affecting children and family and one of which
114 shall advise on policies affecting elderly persons."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-135